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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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PUBLIC HEARINGS SET FOR STATE'S TEN YEAR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON 2003-2012 NHDOT DRAFT PLAN

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) and the Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT) announce a total of 19 public hearings have been scheduled statewide on the Department's recommended update of the State's Ten-Year Transportation Program (2003-2012). GACIT is comprised of the five Executive Councilors and the NHDOT Commissioner.

In response to state and federal laws, the NHDOT has generated a long-term plan for developing, maintaining, and improving New Hampshire's transportation infrastructure. This plan includes highway and bridge projects, bicycle and pedestrian projects, transit projects, rail projects, and aeronautics projects.

These public hearings, which run from September 18 through October 24, are an opportunity for citizens to comment on the draft plan, which is the result of several months of work by communities, regional planning agencies, and the NHDOT.

Copies of the recommended ten-year program (2003-2012) report are available for review by contacting the Regional Planning Commissions or the Bureau of Transportation Planning at the Department of Transportation (603 271-3344). Both the draft plan and the current Ten Year Transportation Program (2001-2010) are available on the NHDOT website at www.nhdot.com under the "public interest" category.

Written comments should be addressed to:

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Nineteen public hearings are scheduled statewide as per the following schedule:

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Date	Town	Time	Location
September 18, 2001	Manchester	7:00 PM	Public Library Auditorium (405 Pine Street)
September 25, 2001	Derry	7:00 PM	Hood Middle School (5 Hood Road)
October 2, 2001	Claremont	3:00 PM	City Hall (58 Tremont Street)
October 2, 2001	Lebanon	6:30 PM	Senior Citizen Center (10 Campbell Street)
October 3, 2001	Laconia	9:00 AM	Belknap County Complex Multi Purpose Rm. 34 County Drive
October 3, 2001	Wolfeboro	11:00 AM	Huggins Hospital (290 S. Main Street)
October 3, 2001	Conway	2:30 PM	Town Hall (1634 E. Main Street)
October 3, 2001	Berlin	6:00 PM	City Hall (168 Main Street)
October 4, 2001	Plymouth	9:00 AM	Town Hall – upstairs (6 Post Office Sq.)
October 4, 2001	Haverhill	11:00 AM	Town Hall (2975 Dartmouth Coll. Rd.)
October 4, 2001	Lancaster	3:00 PM	Town Hall Auditorium (25 Main Street)
October 8, 2001	Nashua	7:00 PM	City Hall Auditorium 229 Main St. (Elm St. Entrance)
October 10, 2001	Keene	7:00 PM	Keene Middle School (17 Washington Street)
October 15, 2001	Concord	7:00 PM	NHDOT (1 Hazen Dr.)
October 16, 2001	Hudson	7:00 PM	Town Hall Planning Zoning Room (12 School Street)
October 17, 2001	Rochester	7:00 PM	Spaulding High School Auditorium 140 Wakefield St.
October 22, 2001	Portsmouth	7:00 PM	City Hall (1 Junkins Ave.)
October 23, 2001	Salem/Windham	7:00 PM	Salem High Auditorium (44 Geremonty Dr.)
October 24, 2001	Plaistow	7:00 PM	Library Meeting Room (85 Main Street)
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